

In the Drawings:

Please replace current drawing sheets 3-4 with replacement drawing sheets 3-4 included with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson enclosed herewith under separate cover letter. The replacement drawing sheets incorporate proposed amendments to FIGS. 6 and 11. The Letter to Official Draftsperson includes marked-up (annotated) drawings (showing the proposed amendments in red-ink).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that current drawings sheets 3-4 be replaced by replacement sheets 3-4 included with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson enclosed herewith under separate paper. The replacement sheets 3-4 incorporate proposed amendments to FIGS. 6 and 11. The Letter to Official Draftsperson includes marked-up (annotated) drawings (showing the proposed amendments in red-ink). Entry of this amendment, acceptance of the replacement drawings, and issuance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

1. Amendments To Drawings:

As stated in the Letter to the Official Draftsperson enclosed herewith under separate paper, the drawings are proposed to be amended as follows:

FIG. 6 is amended to correspond to the originally filed (informal) drawings by showing the connecting portion of lead frames 18, 20, 22, 24 in one row and by showing the connecting portion of lead frames 19, 21, 23, 25 in another row. FIG 6 is further amended to show the connecting portion of lead frames 18, 20, 22, 24 as being in the upper row and to show the connecting portion of lead frames 19, 21, 23, 25 as being positioned in the lower row. The latter amendment is supported by the specification, for example, but not limited to, at one or more portions of FIG. 2, page 14, lines 14-24, which states that “**upper row** lead frames 18, 20, 22, 24 . . . and include a connecting portion 46 which extends a short distance from rear end 44” and page 14, lines 14-24, which states that “**lower row** lead frames 19, 21, 23, 25 . . . and have a connecting portion 56 which extends a short distance from rear end 44” (emphasis added).

FIG. 11 has been amended to make the spacing between the upper row of PCB contacts 74 correspond to the spacing (shown in FIG. 3) between the upper row of extensions 46 of rear portions 40 . FIG. 11 has been further amended to make the spacing between the lower row of PCB contacts 74 correspond to the spacing (shown in FIG. 3) between the lower row of extensions of rear portions 54. This amendment is supported by the specification, for example, but not limited to, at page 18, lines 13-14, which states that “[m]odular housing 66 with insert 10 is electrically connected to a printed circuit board ('PCB') 68” and at page 18, lines 18-19, which states that the “signal transfers from inserts 10 via extensions 46 and 56 of rear portions 40 and 54 respectively, into PCB 68 via PCB contacts 74.

2. Conclusion

Entry of this amendment, acceptance of the replacement drawing sheets and issuance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be required in connection with this submission; however, if an additional fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 50-1402. If there are any questions concerning this paper, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number and/or address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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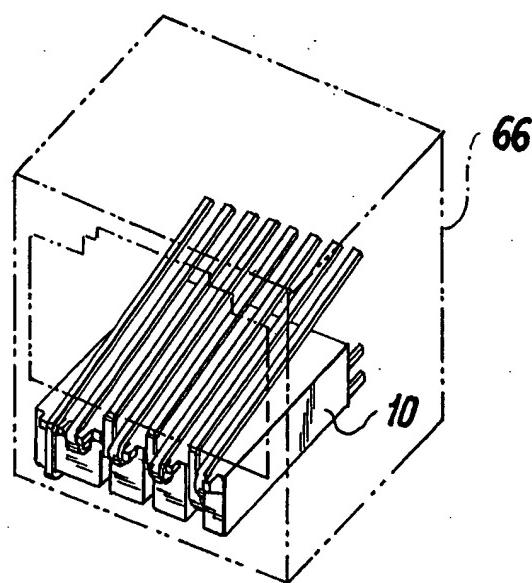


Figure 10

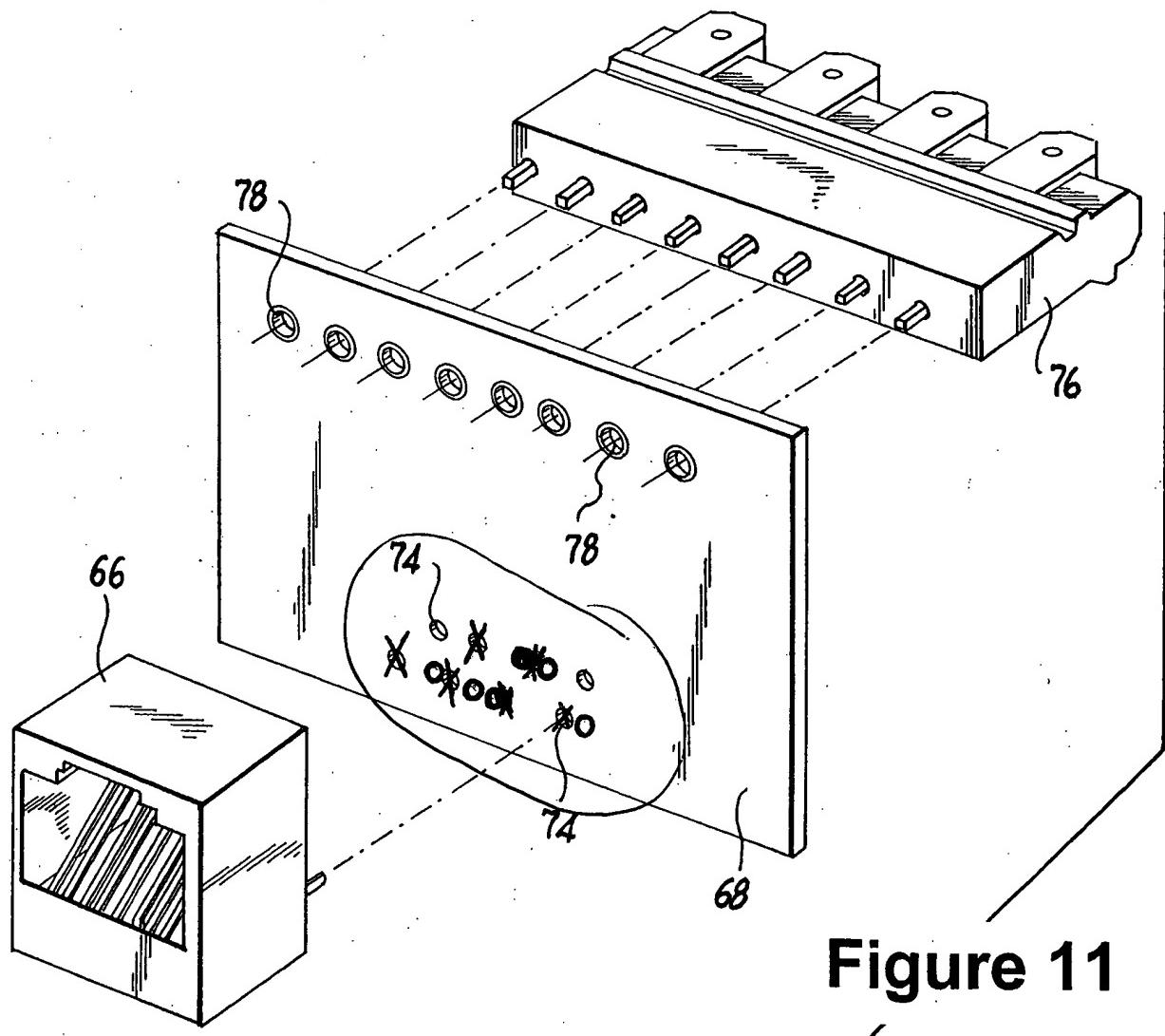


Figure 11

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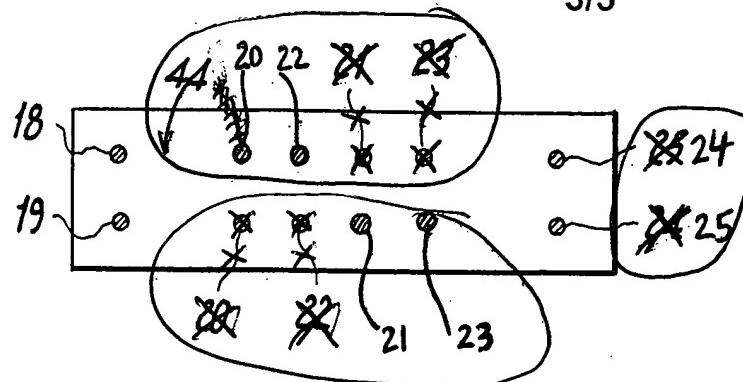


Figure 6

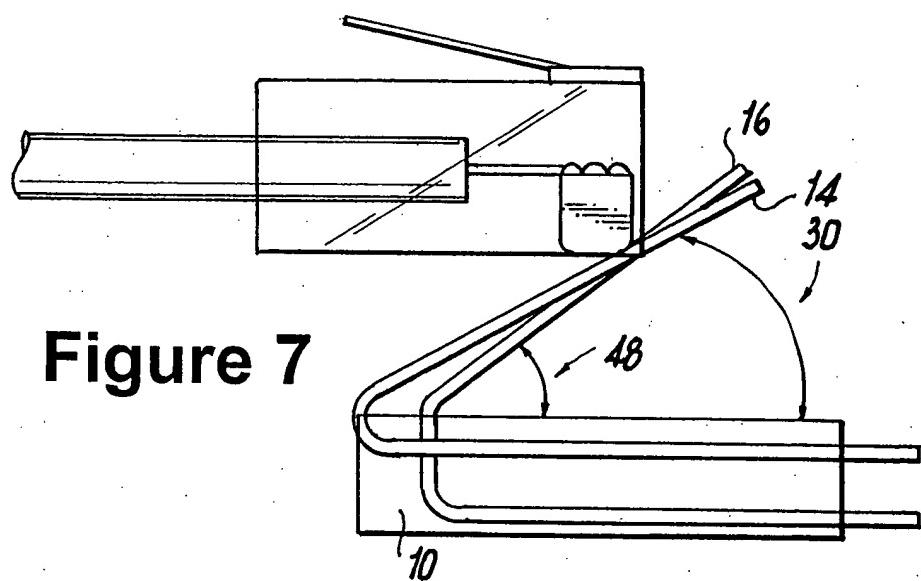


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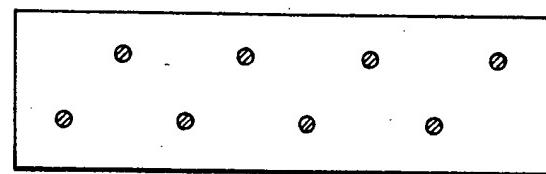


Figure 8
(Prior Art)

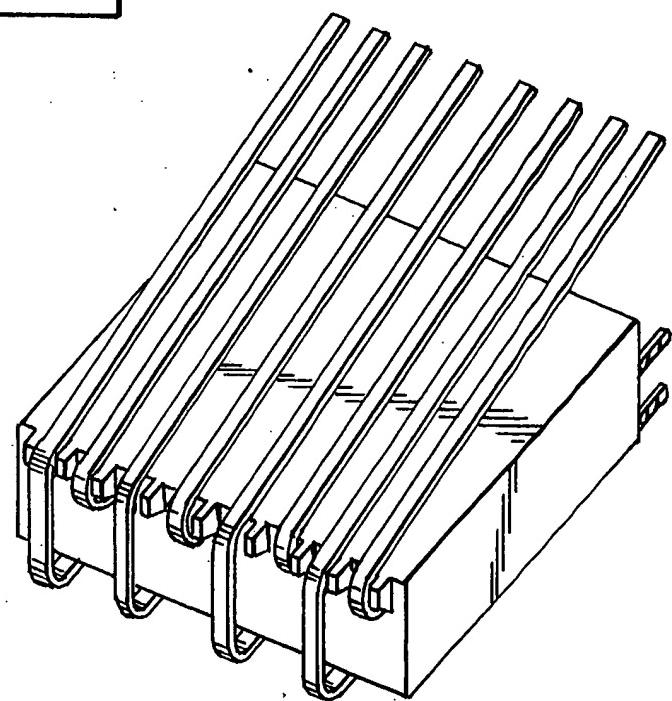


Figure 9
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